

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

JONATHAN RIVERA-PIEROLA,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE  
OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND  
MECHANICAL COLLEGES; STATE OF  
OKLAHOMA *ex rel.* OKLAHOMA  
STATE UNIVERSITY; and ST.  
MATTHEWS UNIVERSITY, INC.,

*Defendants.*

Civil Action No.: 5:21-cv-00616-PRW

**STATUS REPORT AND MEDIATION PLAN**

**Date of Report: February 24, 2023**

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COME NOW, Plaintiff, Jonathan Rivera-Pierola (“Plaintiff”), and Defendants, the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges (“Board of Regents”) and the State of Oklahoma *ex rel.* Oklahoma State University (“Defendants,” and together with Plaintiff, collectively, the “Parties”), and submit the following Status Report and Mediation Plan.

The Parties have completed written discovery in this matter. Defendants have requested Plaintiff’s availability for a deposition with the plan to have Plaintiff’s deposition completed within the next few weeks.

The Parties have discussed settlement but wanted to conduct written discovery before exchanging formal offers. On February 23, 2023, Plaintiff presented Defendants with a settlement demand. Defendants have rejected Plaintiff’s demand and are currently not intending to counteroffer. Additionally, the Parties have discussed a potential resolution, which involves a third-party. The Parties are currently awaiting a response from that third-party, which may have a substantial impact on the potential for settlement.

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At this time, the Parties believe the case should not be mediated, but will revisit the possibility before trial.

Submitted this 24th day of February, 2023.

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